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treatment of the confused days of the later Maccabees is especially successful.

There is undoubtedly need of some such work as this. Few, even among intelligent students of the New Testament, are acquainted with the events of the fierce epoch that gave birth to so much of the Messianic hope of the time of Jesus. The large works are too tedious, and there are few smaller works that cover the period in sufficient detail for the popular taste. The present work avoids the two dangers, and is at once scholarly and interesting. It possesses the further merit of an arrangement that is chronological rather than topical.

It is at least questionable whether the book does not lose somewhat in usefulness from its failure to give references to the literature on the period. For careful students, at least, this is a distinct loss. Apart from this, however, the book is to be recommended to those who do not care to use the larger works of Grätz and Schürer.

S. M.

The Epistles of St. Paul to the Thessalonians, Galatians, and Romans. By the late BENJAMIN JOWETT, M.A. Third edition, edited and condensed by LEWIS CAMPBELL, M.A., LL.D. Vol. I., Translation and Notes; Vol. II., Essays and Discussions. London: John Murray.

The first edition of Jowett's Commentary was published in 1855, and aroused a storm of indignant protest. Its free handling of Paul's eschatological views, and its position—at that time advanced—upon the whole matter of interpretation, gave great offense to many English scholars. The second edition published in 1859 did not greatly mend matters and was long ago out of print, for the busy life of its author forbade further revision. The present edition is, however, published with his assent, and, to a certain degree, with his coöperation.

The editor states that he has not changed "a single line" of the work. His office has been (1) to substitute a more recent text for that of Lachmann which Professor Jowett originally used; and (2) to make certain omissions and new arrangement. It is worth notice that the omission of certain characteristic outbursts of the author against a "crude phrase of contemporary theology," and the *excursus* on the *Conversion of St. Paul*, have been omitted by Professor Jowett's own decision.

The value of these commentaries, apart from the somewhat unusual insight possessed by a scholar of Jowett's type, lies not so much in the introduction, and in exegesis, as in the various discussions on subjects connected with the text. Thus, in his introduction to the Galatian Epistle, Professor Jowett settles in a single sentence the location of Galatia, but adds a striking essay upon the *Character of St. Paul* and another on the *Quotations from the Old Testament in the Writings of St. Paul*. The exegetical purpose of the first volume is, in fact, quite subordinate to the critical and theological.

Most of the essays of the second volume are also suggested by the Epistles interpreted, but are more general in character. Probably the most valuable among them is that on *The Interpretation of Scripture*, which is full of the scholar's contempt for allegorizing and dogmatic methods of interpretation, and of demands that the Scripture be interpreted "like any other book."

Altogether the two volumes contain much that a generation of readers and students has declared to be of permanent value. Now that exegetical methods have in a fashion overtaken Professor Jowett, we may perhaps feel a little less sharply the force of some of his criticisms; but none the less are the essays stimulating reading. They cannot fail to make even more self-evident the need of a critical and historical background for all exegesis.

It seems a pity that the editor should not have seen fit to print the Greek text; and astonishing that two such handsome and otherwise admirably made volumes should lack an index.

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Christianity and Evolution. By JAMES IVERACH, M.A., D.D., Professor of Apologetics and Exegesis of the Gospels in the Free Church College, Aberdeen. New York: Thomas Whittaker. Pp. viii., 232.

Evolution in Religion. By WILLIAM W. MCLANE, PH.D., D.D. Boston and Chicago: Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society. Pp. 266.

These two works illustrate the progress Christian thought has made since the days—not so far distant—when evolution and religion were thought to be deadly enemies. The plans of both are somewhat similar, except that the view-point of *Christianity and Evolution* is rather more of formal comparison, while that of *Evolution in Religion* is more apologetic. Both agree in the incompleteness of Herbert Spencer's derivation of religion, both alike regard the Christian character as itself capable of evolution, and both also maintain the possibility of substantiating, through the teachings and assumptions of science, the Christian teachings of God and immortality. The work of Professor Iverach is especially valuable from its wide use of literature and its clear and simple style. No one can fail to be benefited by the study for which these works are fitted to serve as introductions.

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Church Work, its Means and Methods. By THE RIGHT REV. J. MOORHOUSE, Bishop of Manchester. London: Macmillan & Co., 1894. Price \$1.25.

Bishop Moorhouse has embodied in this volume the series of addresses which he delivered to the clergy of his diocese upon the occasion of a late general visitation. The addresses are full of practical advice, and deal almost wholly with parochial questions and difficulties which suggested themselves during his visitation. He gives advice on preaching, catechizing, Institutes,